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**Superintendent's 2008 Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed  
Under Discretionary Authority.

Approved:

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within: (1) The boundaries of federally owned lands and waters administered by Joshua Tree National Park; (2) The boundaries of lands and waters administered by Joshua Tree National Park for public-use purposes pursuant to the terms of a written instrument. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

Visiting Hours:

- Visitor Center hours throughout the park are from 8 am – 5pm unless otherwise posted.
- The park is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year except in areas listed below as day use only.
- The following areas are open between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Maps indicating the boundaries of these areas are located at the park headquarters:
  - Buzzard Springs Area (Township 4 South, Range 14 East, Sections 8, 9, 16, & 17) (generally a rectangle described as 1.25 miles north, to .75 miles south, to one mile east and west from the spring).
  - Lost Palms and Munsen Canyon (Township 5 South, Range 12 East, Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, and 34) (generally as one mile north, to two miles down canyon/south, to one mile east, to .1 mile west from Lost Palms Oasis and its Canyon).
  - Pushawalla Canyon (Township 3 South, Range 8 East, Sections 21 to 28 and 33 to 36) (generally a rectangle described as .5 miles north, to two miles south of the canyon from the Geology Tour Road on the east, to four miles up canyon or west from Geology Tour Road).
  - Rattlesnake Spring Area (Township 1 South, Range 5 East, Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27) (generally a rectangle described as .75 miles north, to 1.25 miles south, to two miles east, and west to the park boundary from the spring).

- Smith Water Canyon (Township 1 South, Range 7 East, Section 32 and Township 2 South, Range 7 East, Section 5) (generally a rectangle described as .5 miles north and south of canyon, from its mouth at Quail Wash on the east and its mouth at Covington Flats on the west).
- Stubbe Springs (Township 2 South, Range 7 East, Sections 26, 27, 34, 35, and 26 and Township 3 South, Range 7 East, Sections 1, 2, and 3) (generally described as one mile north and south, to 1.25 miles southeast, to .75 miles west from the spring).
- Wonderland of Rocks/Queen Mountain Area (significant portions of Township 1 South, Range 8 & 9 East) (excluding the Indian Cove Campground, Barker Dam area, 49 Palms Parking Lot, Rattlesnake Canyon Picnic Area, Wall Street Millsite, and park lands east of Park Route #12, generally described from the park boundary north of Indian Cove and 49 Palms Oasis to Utah Trail on the east and south to Pine Spring Wash, west to Barker Dam/Keys Ranch and the Boy Scout Trail including the features of 49 Palms Canyon, Rattlesnake Canyon and Picnic Area, Joshua Mountain, Contact Mine, Queen Mountain, Willow Hole, Wonderland of Rocks, Wonderland Wash, Barker Dam Parking & Nature Trail, Indian Cove Nature Trail, Wall Street Millsite, and Echo Tee).

*Justification: It is necessary to establish hours that the public may enter an area in order to protect the natural and cultural resources from resource damage, theft, vandalism and inappropriate group activities. It is also necessary for visitor safety since these areas can present hazardous conditions, which become extreme during the night hours.*

Public Use Limits:

- The following areas are open from sunrise to sunset except by permit.
  1. Any water source or impoundment (500 feet in any direction).
  2. Cottonwood District:  
Cottonwood Picnic Area (within Township 5 South, Range 11 East, Section 14) (generally a rectangle 25 feet around the two picnic shelters).  
  
Live Oak Picnic Area (within Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Sections 16 and 17) (generally a rectangle with Park Rt #12 on the north west to within a .5 mile of the Live Oak of the picnic area road including Ivanpah Tank).  
  
Stirrup Tank Area (within Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Sections 23, 26, and 35) (generally a rectangle .5 miles on either side of Stirrup Tank Road for the roads entire length beginning at Park Route #11).
  3. Lost Horse District:  
Barker Dam Area (within Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Section 4) (all park lands north of Barker Dam Road and Queen Valley Road including Barker Dam parking lot).  
  
49 Palms Parking Area (within Township 1 South, Range 8 East, Section 2) (the entire length of the paved road from the park boundary including the parking lot).  
Hidden Valley Picnic & Nature Trail Area (within Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Sections 7 and 8) (all park lands southwest of Park Rt. #12 to .5 mile in any direction from the paved road including the Hidden Valley parking lot and the entire nature trail).  
  
Intersection Rock Parking Area (within Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Section 8) (all park lands northeast of Park Rt #12, north west of Barker Dam Road, south west of Hidden Valley Campground and south of the parking area road including the parking lot and Intersection Rock).

Lost Horse Mine Site (Township 1 South, Range 8 East, NW ¼, S ½ of Section 3) (generally a rectangle described as .25 miles north, south, east, and west from the mine).

Oasis of Mara (Park Headquarters) (Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Section 33) (all park lands and buildings within section 33 surrounding and including the Oasis of Mara).

Quail Springs Picnic Area (within Township 1 South, Range 7 East, Section 36) (all park lands south and east of Park Rt. #12 for a distance of .5 miles from the picnic area road including Quail Springs parking lot).

Rattlesnake Canyon Parking and Picnic Area (within Township 1 South, Range 8 East, Section 16) (the entire length of the paved road east from the Rattlesnake Day Use Closure Gate including the parking lot).

Ryan Mountain (within Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Sections 15 and 22) (Ryan Mountain Parking Lot and the entire Ryan Mountain Trail).

Split Rock Picnic Area (within Township 2 South, Range 9 East, Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17) (generally a rectangle with Park Rt #12 on the south east to within a .5 mile of the Split Rock picnic area road).

Wall Street Mill Site (within Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Section 3) (all park lands north of Queen Valley Road including Wall Street Millsite parking lot).

*Justification: These areas are designated as Day Use only. This is necessary for visitor safety and the protection of the natural and cultural resource from vandalism, theft and inappropriate use.*

- The Key's Ranch (Township 1 South, Range 8 East, Section 32) is open to the public only when accompanied by a park employee or authorized by a permit. This closure is generally a rectangle from the Keys Ranch gate on the south, to the private property on the west, to 1/8 mile north of the ranch house, to slightly over one mile east of the ranch house including Keys Ranch and Cow Camp Lakes.

*Justification: This is necessary to protect a sensitive historic site from vandalism and theft.*

#### Closures:

- Unattended parking is not allowed within the park between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. except in designated campsites and at backcountry board parking areas.

*Justification: This is necessary to prevent unauthorized camping in areas not designated for camping, group gatherings in undeveloped areas, sanitation problems, vandalism and theft of natural resources.*

- No fixed anchors may be placed within the Fixed Anchor Free Zone. See Appendix 2: "Fixed Anchor Free Zone Map."

*Justification: This is necessary to protect specific natural rock features from the introduction of Fixed Anchors. A fixed anchor is defined as any piece of climbing protection that is left in place to facilitate a safe ascent or rappel.*

- The possession or transportation by any means of wild animals as listed or defined in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17.11 (Endangered and Threatened Wildlife) or California Fish and Game Code sections 2116 and 2118 (Wild Animals), or live farm animals (cattle, bison, sheep, goats, pigs chickens, etc.) is prohibited.

*Justification: This is necessary to provide protection to the park's native species from the potential introduction of exotics and/or diseased animals. It also promotes public safety.*

- Employee residential areas and park maintenance facilities are open to the public only when authorized by a park employee or resident.
- Pinto Wye (Belle Mountain) and Cottonwood (Smoke Tree) Well Service Roads are closed to public vehicle traffic.

*Justification: This is necessary to protect government property and personal property of government employees from vandalism and theft.*

- Mine adits and shafts are closed to entry by the public.

*Justification: This is necessary to protect the safety of park visitors from hazards associated with these cultural features.*

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

Camping:

- Please refer to Section 2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

Segway Use

- Segways and motorized scooters, as defined under Section 1.4 are motor vehicles. The park imposes an interim restriction on the use of Segways and motorized scooters from all areas within the park including park roads, trails, and sidewalks. However, any park visitor with a disability is permitted to use Segways and motorized scooters throughout the park, including all structures, facilities, park roads, sidewalks, trails, and other surfaces when such devices are used for the sole purpose of mobility assistance. Finally, use of an mobility assistive device, as outlined above, must also adhere to the following:
  - A person shall operate any mobility assistive device in a safe and responsible manner; maximum speed will not exceed more than 8 M.P.H. ("Segway sidewalk/Intermediate" key), so as no to endanger one's self or any other park visitor.
  - A person riding any mobility assistive device upon and along a sidewalk, while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk or on any other surface shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that the mobility assistive device operator must always yield to pedestrians (park visitors).

*Justification: This provides for the use of mobility assistive devices within the park for individuals with disabilities and protection of the park resources against recreational activities inconsistent with park management.*

Balloons

- The use of balloons for any purpose is prohibited in the park (with the exception of administrative offices) unless authorized pursuant to a permit from the Park Superintendent.

*Justification: This is necessary to provide protection to the park's native species from the potential ingestion of colored balloons which is lethal. It also is a sanitation issue with balloons littering the desert environment.*

**The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:**

Passenger Carrying Busses:

- Engines must be shut down when not underway.

*Justification: The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.*

Climbing

- Climbing is permitted in Joshua Tree National Park. Climbing with fixed anchors is permitted in the areas where fixed anchors may be installed and under the conditions listed in this compendium.
- No one may initiate or terminate a climb in an occupied campsite unless given permission by the occupant of that site.
- Glue, epoxy, cement, or any other adhesive may not be used to attach or reinforce hand and/or footholds for climbing or scrambling.
- Chipping or enhancing hand and/or footholds is not allowed while climbing or scrambling.
- Vegetation may not be removed for the purpose of climbing and scrambling.
- Only neutral or rock-colored fixed anchors are permitted.
- The placement of new fixed anchors in wilderness is prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendent.
- Cords, rope and climbing equipment may not be placed in a horizontal position within a campground for purposes such as "slack lines" and clothes lines.
- Fixed lines may not be attached to man-made structures. A fixed rope line may not be left unattended anywhere in the park.
- Power-drilling devices may not be used for placing or replacing bolts except when authorized by the Superintendent.

*Justification: These conditions are necessary to reduce the impact to natural resources, prevent safety hazards and promote a satisfactory visitor experience. Authorization for placement of fixed anchors and power-drilling devices may be obtained through the park's special use permit office in Twentynine Palms, CA.*

Refuse Collecting

- No one may take refuse from a dumpster, refuse bin or trash receptacle.

*Justification: This is necessary to reduce competition for collecting recyclable refuse.*

**II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required. Permits for front country camping can be obtained at the campgrounds and through the NPS reservation system. Backcountry camping permits may be obtained at the**

**backcountry trailhead boards. All other permits must be obtained through the Park Headquarters at 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.**

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - A new fixed anchor may not be placed in the wilderness unless authorized by the Park Superintendent.

*Justification: This is necessary to reduce impacts to the wilderness experience and the natural and cultural resources, that may be associated to the attraction of recreational users to a new bolted route.*

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
  - A research permit is required to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net and may be obtained through the Resource Management Division at park headquarters.
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
  - A research permit is required to collect plant, wildlife, rocks or minerals within the park. Permit may be obtained through the Resource Management Division at park headquarters.
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
  - Camping is permitted in the backcountry/wilderness and in designated campgrounds.
  - A recreational use fee must be paid for overnight use of designated campgrounds.
  - A non-fee permit is required for backcountry/wilderness camping. It is a self-registration system and can be obtained at one of thirteen trailheads/backcountry boards.
  - Refer to General Regulations Section 2.10 within this compendium for conditions relating to camping.
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - A special use permit is required to exceed audio conditions outlined in 36 CFR section 2.12. The permit may be obtained at the Special Use Permit office at park headquarters.
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - Authorization must be obtained from the Superintendent's Office to recover/remove non-military downed aircraft and/or components.
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):
  - §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
    - Authorization must be obtained from the Superintendent's office at park headquarters.
- §2.38 Explosives:

- A special use permit is required for using, storing, possessing or transporting explosive agents or materials. Permit may be obtained through the Special Use Permits office at park headquarters.
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
  - Permits for these activities may be obtained from the Special Use office at the park headquarters.
- §2.51(e) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
  - The following areas have specific locations designated for public assemblies (map available in the Special Park Use office) for activities involving the public expression of views. Other locations will be determined on a case by case basis.
    1. Black Rock Nature Center (north side of parking lot)
    2. Cottonwood Visitor Center (west side of parking lot)
    3. Oasis Visitor Center (east side of parking lot)

The permit may be obtained at the Special Use office at park headquarters.
- §2.52(e) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising
  - The following areas have specific locations designated as available for the sale or distribution of printed matter (map available in the Special Park Use office)
    1. Black Rock Nature Center (north side of parking lot)
    2. Cottonwood Visitor Center (west side of parking lot)
    3. Oasis Visitor Center (east side of parking lot)

The permit may be obtained at the Special Use office at park headquarters.
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
  - Prohibited unless permit is issued by the Superintendent's office at park headquarters
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
  - Prohibited unless authorized by a permit from the Superintendent's office at park headquarters.
- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation.
    - Refer to the General Regulations Section 2.62 in this compendium for conditions.
- §3.3 Use of a vessel
  - Prohibited on all water surfaces including Barker Dam, Keys Ranch, and Cow Camp Lakes.
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
  - Prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendents office at park headquarters.
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)

- Prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendent's office at park headquarters.
- §5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants on private lands.
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
  - A special use permit may be obtained through the Special Use office at the park headquarters.
- §5.4(a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles.
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
  - Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
  - Permits may be obtained in the Special Use office at park headquarters.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).
  - Authorization may be obtained through the Superintendent's office at park headquarters.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
  - Prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendent's office at park headquarters
- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas.
  - Prohibited unless authorized through the Superintendent's office at park headquarters
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site

Part 7 Special Regulations

Part 10 Disposal of Certain Wild Animals – Not Applicable

Part 12 National Cemeteries – Not Applicable

Part 13 National Park System Units in Alaska – Not Applicable

Part 34 El Portal Administrative Site Regulations - Not Applicable

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:**

- There are no designated areas within the park where dead wood on the ground may be gathered for use as fuel for campfires.



**(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:**

- Only areas which are identified by signs are open for public to enter.

**(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.**

- Cross-country hiking is allowed in the park, except in the area designated as Keys Ranch (see Part 1, Public Use Limits).

**(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:**

- No fruits, nuts, or berries are authorized for gathering.

### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

- Authorization must be obtained prior to entering the park. This can be done at the Superintendent's office at the park headquarters.

**(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:**

- Using artificial lighting to view wildlife may only be done at the Oasis of Mara Visitor Center for educational purposes and under the conditions of a special use permit.

### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

**(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, do not apply in the listed areas:**

- Barker Dam Lake
- Cow Camp Lake
- Key's Ranch Lake

**(d)(2) Possession or use of live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibian, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is permitted in the following fresh water areas:**

- Not allowed

**(d)(4) In accordance with federal statutory law, commercial fishing is authorized in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- Not allowed

**(d)(8) Fishing is allowed in or from the following otherwise prohibited areas:**

Motor road bridges:

- Not allowed

Within 200 feet of public rafts or floats designated for water sports:

- Not allowed

Swimming beaches:

- Not allowed

Surfing areas:

- Not Applicable

Public boat docks:

- Not Applicable

**(e) Fishing in salt waters with net, spear or weapon, are authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:**

- Not Applicable

**36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

**(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:**

- Not allowed

**(2)(ii) Weapons, traps, or nets may be used for target practice as provided for in Section 7.**

- There is no special regulation.

**36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:**

- (1) Registration is required at the following campgrounds:
- |                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Black Rock Campground         | Black Rock Horse Campground |
| Hidden Valley Campground      | Belle Campground            |
| Ryan Campground               | Ryan Horse Campground       |
| Sheep's Pass Group Campground | Jumbo Rock Campground       |
| Cottonwood Campground         | White Tank Campground       |
| Indian Cove Campground        |                             |

Registration may be done on-site, by self-registration for Cottonwood Family camping, Hidden Valley, Ryan, Jumbo Rock, White Tank, and Belle campgrounds. Advanced reservations are available at Indian Cove, Black Rock, Black Rock Horse Camp, Ryan Horse Camp, Sheep's Pass Group Camping and Cottonwood Group Camping.

(2) All campsites must be paid for within one hour of occupying the campsite.

(3) All campsites must be vacated by 12 noon on day of departure.

(4) Camping within the park is limited to 30 days within a calendar year. Between October 1 and May 31 the camping limit within the park is 14 days, in any combination of visits or consecutive nights. These limits apply to all overnight visits, including backcountry stays, campground stays or any other overnight activity.

- (5) The use of generators is permitted within campgrounds only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., 12 noon and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. or pursuant to a Special Use.
- (6) A maximum of two licensed vehicles per non-group campsite is allowed, space permitting. A maximum of three tents and six people are permitted in each non-group campsite.
- (7) Holding or reserving a campsite for another party is prohibited. Sites may not be "saved" by those who do not intend to occupy the site immediately.
- (8) Sites may not be unattended for more than 24 hours.
- (9) Groups may not exceed the vehicle or person limits for each campsite. See Appendix 4: "Joshua Tree NP Group Sites."
- (10) All tents, tarps, sleeping bags, sleeping areas, and camping equipment must be within the campsite and no more than 25 feet from the picnic table or fire grate in non-group campsites.
- (11) Camping is not allowed in caves or rock shelters.
- (12) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles including trailers, RV, RV's pulling other vehicles or trailers that exceed 25 feet are prohibited in White Tank Campground, group campsites and family campsites as posted.
- (13) Parking within the park for overnight backcountry/wilderness use is restricted to backcountry registration boards.
- (14) Backcountry/wilderness camping must be at least one mile from legally open roads and at least 500 feet from designated trails and water sources.
- (15) Group size limits for the backcountry zone is 24 campers and wilderness areas is 12 campers.
- (16) Large groups that are subdivided to meet group size limits must camp at least one mile apart.
- (17) Use of the Horse Camps is limited to equestrian groups only.
- (18) The use of fixed lines (any line made from any material which is stretched between two points) in the campgrounds is prohibited except for tie-downs used in conjunction with tarps or tents affixed to ground stakes. This includes but is not limited to clothes lines, dog runs, hammocks, or slack lines and prohibits attachment to vegetation, natural features, or government property. This regulation does not apply to recreational climbing.

*Justification: Camping in Joshua Tree National Park is an intensive use and under high demand. These conditions are established to protect the natural and cultural resources in the park, provide for the enjoyment of the public, and provide for public safety. Limitations on numbers of days and number of persons using the sites are necessary to achieve this protection while providing equitable access to the park.*

**(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- Not allowed

**(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:**

- All of Joshua Tree National Park is designated as a secure food storage area. In addition to other provisions of 2.10 (d), any scented or odorous items must also be similarly stored.
- Food is required to be stored in a vehicle or hard-sided food storage containers capable of preventing access by wildlife in the campgrounds.

*Justification: This condition is necessary to prevent increased food conditioning and habituation of wildlife.*

**36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

Certain areas have hours of closure to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures".

**Conditions for Picnicking:**

- Picnicking is not allowed in campsites occupied or reserved by campers.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

#### **Designated Areas:**

- Open fires are not allowed in backcountry and wilderness areas.

#### **Receptacles Allowed:**

- Open fires are restricted to Government provided grills.

#### **Established Conditions for Fires:**

- Fires are only allowed in designated government grills. Within the grills, fires must be maintained at a level that can be quickly controlled or extinguished.

**(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:**

- Stoves and lanterns must be monitored at all times and are not permitted inside any building.
- Lanterns (gas or battery) are not permitted to be hung from park vegetation.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Fire and/or ashes must not be buried or covered.
- Water must be applied to extinguish the fire and/or ashes.

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

**(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:**

- Disposal of refuse in government receptacles or facilities is authorized for recreation users staying overnight within the park or visiting the park as a day-use activity.

**(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:**

- Disposal of human body waste in dump stations provided by the park is restricted to overnight recreational users staying in the park.
- Outdoor showers must have a containment basin and used water disposed of in appropriate receptacles.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:**

- Pets may not be on any trails except the Oasis of Mara Trail.
- Pets are not allowed to be more than 100 feet from a legally open road, parking area or campground.

**(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- Not allowed

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet excrement must be picked up immediately and disposed of in a refuse receptacle.

**(b) The use of dogs in support of hunting must be in accordance with Federal and State laws and the following conditions:**

- Not allowed

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Conditions for park residents may be found in the park's Pet Management Directive..

*Justification: These conditions are necessary to protect the park's natural resources and provide for public health and safety.*

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:**

- Horses and Mules

**(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:**

- Campers with pack animals are permitted only in the portions of Ryan Campground and Black Rock Campground that are designated for their use.
- All Pack animals must travel single file and may only use designated trails and corridors. See Appendix A "Trail System" in the 2000 Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan amendment to the Joshua Tree National Park General Management Plan.

**(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is allowed on the following trails/routes, subject to the conditions noted:**

- Not allowed

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**

- Resting or tethering of pack animals is not allowed within 200 feet of any water source including springs, seeps, dams, and tanks.
- Pack animals fed within the park are restricted to feed in pellet form.
- Pack animal manure must be removed from campground areas by the owner/user of the animals.

**36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY**

**(a)(1) There are no locations designated to operate or use aircraft on park lands or waters.**

**(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- Not applicable

**(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.**

- Authorization may be obtained from the Superintendent's Office at the Park Headquarters

**§2.18 – SNOWMOBILE**

**(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on routes designated in section 7.**

- Not allowed

**36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:**

- There are no areas within the park designated for winter activities on park roads and/or parking areas.

*Justification: This is necessary to provide for visitor safety and prevent user conflicts with vehicles which might be on the road.*

**(b) The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle or snowmobile is allowed in the following areas and/or routes:**

- Not Applicable

**36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

**The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:**

- No areas are open for the use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles or similar devices.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- Smoking is not allowed in any park facility (excluding park residences) or government (including leased or rented) vehicles.

*Justification: This is necessary to prevent user conflict and provide for a healthy work environment.*

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:**

- Property may not be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours.

### **36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

#### **Entrance Fee Areas:**

- Joshua Tree National Park is a designated fee area as mandated by 36C.F.R. Section 71.3(a) and requires an entrance fee of \$10 that is valid for seven consecutive days.

#### **Daily Site Use Fee Areas:** Not Applicable

#### **Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):**

- Special use permit fees are based on actual cost recovery. Fee estimates may be obtained by contacting the Special Use Coordinator at park headquarters.

### **36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**



- The following public facilities are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

Oasis Visitor Center  
 Park Headquarter Buildings  
 Black Rock Nature Center  
 Indian Cove Ranger Station  
 Cottonwood Visitor Center

### **36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES**

**(a) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- Fireworks and firecrackers may not be possessed and/or used within the park.

### **36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

**(e) The following areas have specific locations designated for public assemblies (map available in the Special Park Use office) for activities involving the public expression of views. Other locations will be determined on a case by case basis.**

1. Black Rock Nature Center (north side of parking lot)
2. Cottonwood Visitor Center (west side of parking lot)
3. Oasis Visitor Center (east side of parking lot)

*The permit may be obtained at the Special Use office at park headquarters*

### **36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

**(e) The following areas have specific locations designated as available for the sale or distribution of printed matter (map available in the Special Park Use office)**

1. Black Rock Nature Center (north side of parking lot)
2. Cottonwood Visitor Center (west side of parking lot)
3. Oasis Visitor Center (east side of parking lot)

*The permit may be obtained at the Special Use office at park headquarters.*

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

**(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:**

- There are no areas within the park designated for scattering human ashes from cremation.

*Justification: This is necessary to ensure that modern cremated remains do not contaminate the park's numerous archeological sites.*

### **36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS**

**Permits are required for the use of a vessel in the following areas:**

- There are no areas within the park designated for use of a vessel including but not limited to Barker Dam Lake, Keys Ranch Lake, and Cow Camp Lake.

### **36 CFR §3.6 – BOATING OPERATIONS**

**(d)(1) Vessels may not create a wake or exceed 5 mph in the following areas:**

- Not Applicable

**(h) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels using a trailer:**

- Not Applicable

**(i) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels propelled by machinery:**

- Not Applicable

**(l) Vessels must meet the following size, length or width restrictions:**

- Not Applicable

### **36 CFR §3.20 – WATER SKIING**

**(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:**

- Not Applicable

### **36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING**

**(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:**

- All park water sources are closed to swimming, wading, and bathing including but not limited to Barker Dam Lake, Cow Camp Lake, Key's Ranch Lake, and 49 Palms Oasis.

**(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:**

- Not Applicable

**(b) The use of floatation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities is not permitted on the following swimming beaches, as noted:**

- Not Applicable

### **36 CFR §3.23 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING**

**(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:**

- Not Applicable

### **36 §3.24 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)**

- Not Applicable

### **36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

**(a) Park Road, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):**

- Open park roads are indicated in the Backcountry and Wilderness Plan.

**(b) Routes and areas for off-road vehicle use are provided for in section 7.**

- There is no special regulation for off-road vehicle use.

**(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:**

- Track-laying motor vehicles or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device are not allowed within the park.

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- All dirt roads within the park have a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour unless posted otherwise.

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

**(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.**

**The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:**

- Bicycle use is allowed on designated public use roads. A listing of these roads can be obtained in park information publications or at park headquarters.

**(b) Bicycle use is allowed in undeveloped areas as provided for in section 7.**

- There is no special regulation for bicycle use in undeveloped areas.

**(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is allowed on the following routes:**

- Riding a bicycle abreast is not allowed on any park routes.

### **36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

**Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:**

- Hitchhiking is only permitted under exigent conditions where the health and safety of the person hitchhiking is in jeopardy.

### **36 CFR §7. SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

- The park has no special regulations.